Roan Mountain State Park August 2008 Program Schedule

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Tuesday 5:

10 a.m. Trout Fishing 101

Visitor's Center with David

Wednesday 6:

10 a.m. Shine On

Visitor's Center with David

2 p.m. 10 Essentials

Campground Fire Ring with Lauren

5 p.m. Balds Hike

Park Headquarters with Lauren

Thursday 7:

10 a.m. Peg Leg Mine Hike

Visitor's Center with David

11 a.m. Recycling

Campground Check-In with Lauren

1 p.m. Disc Golf

Park Headquarters with David

2 p.m. Corn Husk Dolls

Shelter # 3 with Lauren
18th Century Long Rifle

Campground Fire Ring with Ranger Jacob

Friday 8:

7 p.m.

10 a.m. **Native American Weapons**

Campground Fire Ring with David

10:30 a.m. Raven Rock Hike

Park Headquarters with Lauren

11 a.m. Fire Building

Campground Fire Ring with David

2 p.m. Recycling

Campground Check-In with Lauren

9 p.m. Movie (The Jungle Book)

Shelter # 3 with David and Lauren

Saturday 9:

10 a.m. Creek Hunt

Campground Check-In with David

10:30 a.m. Miller Farmstead

Farmstead with Lauren

Noon Keith Young Storytelling

Farmstead

1 p.m. Horseshoe Heaven

Campground Horseshoe Pit with David

7 p.m. Ball Sisters

Amphitheater

9 p.m. Campfire Stories

Campground Fire Ring with David and Lauren

Programs

Balds Hike: Experience a view that few other places have. The Balds sitting in Southern Appalachia have little to no tress on them! Why is that? Come and find out. We will carpool for this program.

Campfire Stories: If you dare to be outside at night with ghosts all around come and listen to tall tales and ghost stories that are native to this area.

Cloudland Nature Trail: This short hike will take you through one of the few old growth forests left in the region.

Corn Husk Dolls: Learn what Native American and early Colonial children used to play with and make your own.

Creek Hunt: Come out to the river to cool off from the heat and learn about our aquatic ecosystems at the same time. We will get in the water so come prepared to get wet and have a lot of fun. Please wear closed toe shoes!

Creepy Crawly Bugs: Learn the difference between insects and spiders. At the end of the program race a creepy crawler.

Disc Golf Basics: The recreation sensation that's sweeping the nation! Learn the rules and some tips on how to play and then try your hand at it. We will carpool for this program.

Entertainment: Throughout the summer several performers will be in the park to share their talents with visitors.

10 Essentials: Do not be caught in the woods unprepared. Come and learn the 10 most important items to carry while you are outdoors.

Fire Building: Come and learn how to build a fire using only flint and steel.

Horseshoe Heaven: Learn about the history and the rules of horseshoes. You will be pitching ringers in no time.

18th Century Long Rifle Demo:

Witness a demonstration on flintlock style firearms and the significance they had on our history.

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Sunday 10:

1 p.m. Snakes Alive

Visitor's Center with Lauren

Tuesday 12:

10 a.m. Raven Rock Hike

Park Headquarters with David

Wednesday 13:

10 a.m. **Trout 101**

Visitor's Center with David

11 a.m. Corn Husk Dolls

Shelter # 3 with Lauren

Thursday 14:

9 a.m. Balds Hike

Park Headquarters with Lauren

10 a.m. Fire Building

Campground Fire Ring with David

1 p.m. Shine On

Visitor's Center with David

3 p.m. Recycling

Campground Check-In with Lauren

Friday 15:

10 a.m. Cloudland Hike

Visitor's Center with David

11 a.m. Peg Leg Mine Hike

Visitor's Center with Lauren

1 p.m. Horseshoe Heaven

Campground Horseshoe Pit with David

2 p.m. Creek Hunt

Campground Check-In with Lauren

9 p.m. Movie (Curious George)

Shelter # 3 with David and Lauren

Saturday 16:

10 a.m. Disc Golf

Park Headquarters with David

10:30 a.m. **10 Essentials**

Campground Fire Ring with Lauren

1 p.m. Native American Weapons

Campground Fire Ring with David

2 p.m. Cloudland Hike

Visitor's Center with Lauren

7 p.m. T.V. Barnett

Amphitheater

9 p.m. Campfire Stories

Campground Fire Ring with David and Lauren

Miller Farmstead: What was life like in 1908? Take a time machine and travel back to the early 20th century to see and experience what life was like

Movie Night: Watch a movie the old-fashioned way – a drive-in! Come to a "drive-in" family movie and eat popcorn.

Native American Weapons: Native Americans did not stop by the grocery store on the way home to get dinner. Learn how and try the tools they used to catch some of their food.

Peg Leg Mine Hike: Hike this short trail and learn about an iron ore mine that operated after the Civil War.

Raven Rock Hike: This hike provides a spectacular view of the park. It is a steep hike so wear a good pair of shoes and be prepared to be amazed at our park's beauty.

Snakes Alive: Take this opportunity to learn the truth about these often misunderstood creatures by meeting some of the park's slithering residents!

Trout Fishing 101: Things are getting a little fishy around here! Come learn about Roan Mountain's native fish. You will also get a chance to fish. 10 spots are available so sign up at the campground check-in. Children under the age of 13 do not need to buy a fishing license.

Friendly Reminders!

Programs are free of charge.

Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.

For all hikes wear appropriate shoes, (closed-toe is recommended.) Drinking water is suggested.

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Tuesday 19:

10 a.m. Peg Leg Mine Hike

Visitor's Center with David

Wednesday 20:

9 a.m. Balds Hike

Park Headquarters with Lauren

9 a.m. Shine On

Visitor's Center with David

3 p.m. Snakes Alive

Visitor's Center with Lauren

Thursday 21:

10 a.m. Creek Hunt

Campground Check-In with David

10:30 a.m. Raven Rock Hike

Park Headquarters with Lauren

1 p.m. Horseshoe Heaven

Campground Horseshoe Pit with David

4 p.m. Recycling

Campground Check-In with Lauren

7 p.m. 18th Century Long Rifle

Campground Fire Ring with Ranger Jacob

Friday 22:

9 a.m. Trout 101

Visitor's Center with David

10 a.m. Creepy Crawlers

Campground Check-In with Lauren

11 a.m. Disc Golf

Park Headquarters with David

2 p.m. Miller Farmstead

Farmstead with Lauren

9 p.m. Movie (Peter Pan)

Shelter # 3 with David and Lauren

Saturday 23:

10 a.m. Peg Leg Mine Hike

Visitor's Center with Lauren

11 a.m. Native American Weapons

Campground Fire Ring with David

1 p.m. Creek Hunt

Campground Check-In with Lauren

2 p.m. Fire Building

Campground Fire Ring with David

7 p.m. Trailblazer Cloggers

Amphitheater

9 p.m. Campfire Stories

Campground Fire Ring with David and Lauren



Record Number of Visitors Attend Rhododendron Festival

The 62nd annual Rhododendron Festival drew more than 22,000 visitors to Roan Mountain State Park on June 20-21. Vendors set up booths to show off their talents in everything from candy making to copper smithing to woodworking. Groups featuring bluegrass, roots, country and gospel music performed at the amphitheater throughout the festival. Rhododendron blazes on the mountain were in full bloom and once again were stars of the show. "All of our hard work on event preparation and execution paid off with a record-crowd this year," said Pat Gagan, Park Ranger. "We are already looking forward to having an even better gathering for the 63rd Rhododendron Festival that will be held June 20 and 21 in 2009."

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Tuesday 26:

10:30 a.m. Creek Hunt

Campground Check-In with David

3 p.m. Miller Farmstead

Farmstead with David

Wednesday 27:

9 a.m. Trout Fishing 101

Visitor's Center with David

Thursday 28:

10 a.m. Horseshoe Heaven

Campground Horseshoe Pit with David

11 a.m. Disc Golf

Park Headquarters with David

Friday 29:

10 a.m. **Native American Weapons**

Campground Fire Ring with David

11 a.m. Fire Building

Campground Fire Ring with David

9 p.m. Movie (Apple Dumpling Gang 2)

Shelter # 3 with David and Lauren

Saturday 30:

10 a.m. Shine On

Visitor's Center with David

1 p.m. Snakes Alive

Visitor's Center with David

9 p.m. Campfire Stories

Campground Fire Ring with David and Lauren

"Nature is more than a refuge from human chaos, more than fresh air for smoke-filled lungs, and quietude for ears in torture. It is the common way of living, and as such it is our touchstone."

Donald Cuross Peattie

Photos of the Rhododendron Festival 2008





